

But, as men who permitted ambition to lead them to dishonor and shame. Beyond this, the people must gravely consider whether they are really free to elect their representatives. We have seriously discussed—whether with all of our wealth and power we are as free as France and Spain.

**FARMERS STATE CONVENTION.**

To the Farmers of Middle and West Tennessee.

The convention of farmers recently held in the city of Nashville, appointed the undersigned to communicate with you on the subject of calling and holding a convention of the farmers of the whole State at Nashville on the 15th day of September, 1873. Upon conferring with the President of the Farmers' Association, we have concluded and believed that the 15th of September would be a suitable time, and have accordingly called the Convention of the Farmers of Tennessee, to be held at Nashville, on that day.

time does not suit, there is plenty of time to fix upon a day, but nature never advises, the day referred to will be settled upon.

We scarcely deem it incumbent upon us as speakers to insist that, although such a convention should be held, there is sufficient intelligence on the subject to comprehend and appreciate its importance.

It is important, however, to suppose the only difficulty in the case is the want of interest, or the existence of a popular prejudice, or the fact that a lack of some one or more to lead the movement. This was emphatically the case in the case of the convention that some one had the courage and the perseverance to tap the question and urge it upon the attention of the people with a most hearty and active response.

The first convention was held in April, 1873, and was attended by more than a large and enthusiastic attendance of farmers from all portions of the county, and the interest shown was unprecedented.

On the 23d, and 24th of May, 1873, and was more successful than the

We, therefore, infer, from the above, that the farmers of this State were not because the farmers were not to the matter, but that all were so much interested in the subject, and urged them to action. We view it in the same light with regard to the whole State. All that need be said is, that the farmers of this State, fix upon the time and request the different counties to send delegates to meet at a certain place, and disposition among the farmers all over the State to organize, and that disposition is increasing and intensifying every day. It is a matter that will produce a prodigious blaze. We have seen forcibly impressed with the silent but at the same time powerful, ranks of the farmers, on this subject, simultaneously, without extraneous causes or influences, or without any aid or assistance from any other source save a state of things, the farmers were all at once become aroused to a necessary and a just action, in thinking and talking about it in all sections of the State. This is significant.

The farmers of East Tennessee are particularly anxious to meet the farmers of the other States, and they have been for nearly a century, been cut off from them, have had no communication with them, and are utterly ignorant of the condition of the other States. It is the opinion that a State Convention would have an excellent effect upon them. A farmer from one State to another intimate acquaintance would be a better understanding secured, more enlarged ideas on the subject of agriculture, and a better basis of union and compact organization laid down. When we go to the agricultural societies as a body we are not in the same class, we will have achieved a victory. Then and not till then, will we be in a condition to resist the assaults of the great corporations upon our just rights. Already the politicians, railroad monopolies, middlemen, and the like, are

tions, are meeting at our movements  
chiding us with the insinuation  
that we are building up a political organization,  
all this we pay no attention, and  
continue to exercise the simple right  
of banding ourselves for mutual  
protection. All other classes do it,  
and why may not the farmers?  
In conclusion, I would say to you  
means hold a State Convention at  
time designated, or any other time  
at any suit. We are not particular.  
We are in favor of State Conventions  
cultural point of view. We alone  
do so. The farmers of East Tennessee  
are the only ones in the country  
partly. In this Switzerland of America  
we have a body of live men who  
are able to the necessity of an agree-  
ment, and it is most important  
operation and encouragement.  
I thank you.

W. CHARLTON  
OF TENN.,  
C. E. TEMPLE,  
Land President.

Recording Secretary.  
J. H. NICHOLSON,  
J. M. L. BRUNETT,  
SAM'L L. TILLEY,  
A. H. HUBBARD,  
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C. E. CARRIGER,  
J. M. MEER.

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**THE NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.**

Those who believe the world does not move should read the new Declaration of Independence adopted by one hundred and thirteen States, of which ranges in the West at the recent close of July celebration. But as our readers have faith in the grandest and most fruitful ideas of the age, progress, reform and improvement," they can find the meaning of the whole Declaration by reading the following small part of it:

And, therefore, the producers of this iniquity are the ones who are to be punished on this anniversary of that day that gave birth to a nation of free men and women, of which, despite the corruption of its leaders, we are still so justly proud, appealing the Supreme Judge of the world for the restoration of the law. We solemnly declare that we will use all lawful and peaceable means to free our country from the rule of the corrupt, and that we will never cease our efforts to reform until every department of our government gives token that the integrity of the Republic is preserved, and something of the purity, honesty and frugality which our fathers intended in the formation of this Government.

To this end we hereby declare ourselves absolutely free and independent of all past political connections, and we will accept no office, nor employ to such men for office, from the chief officer in the State to the President of the United States, who do not reason to believe will use their best endeavors to the promotion of

THE way of the world is to praise  
dead saints and persecute living ones.